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Dr. Don Schneider Steps Down as Director of CSR's Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences

As announced in January 2011, Dr. Don Schneider has decided to step down as Director of the Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences at the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) on November 7, 2011. He will continue to serve as a senior advisor in the CSR Office of Director.

Dr. Noni Byrnes will assume responsibilities as Acting Director, Division of Basic and Integrative Biological Sciences, while the search for a permanent director is completed. She currently is Chief of the Cell Biology Integrated Review Group (IRG). During this period, Dr. John Bowers will serve as Acting Chief of the Cell Biology IRG, while continuing to serve as Chief of the Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics IRG.

"I'm thrilled that Don is staying on," said CSR Acting Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "NIH and the scientific community will continue to benefit from his exceptional leadership and his deep commitment and understanding of CSR and NIH peer review."

"Don has done so much so well," said Dr. Nakamura. "In addition to leading his division in his uniquely upbeat and diplomatic way for 10 years, Dr. Schneider has excelled in leading our interactions with senior NIH officials and the scientific community to help ensure CSR and NIH policies and practices evolved to meet rising challenges." He added that Dr. Schneider has rarely shied from helping out when needed. "He played key roles in realigning CSR study sections," said Dr. Nakamura.

In his new position, Dr. Schneider will provide expert guidance to CSR's Office of the Director, serve on the NIH Extramural Policy Management Committee, address stakeholder concerns, manage applicant appeals, and coordinate additional initiatives and activities as they evolve.

Prior to becoming a division director, Dr. Schneider was Chief of the Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group and was the Scientific Review Officer of the Biophysical Chemistry Study Section, Physiological Chemistry Study Section, and special emphasis panels.

Before coming to NIH, he was a faculty member in biochemistry at Dartmouth Medical School for 14 years, during which time he discovered a vacuolar membrane protein pump in lysosomes. His postdoctoral training with Ef Racker at Cornell and with Nobelist Christian de Duve at Rockefeller followed his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Michigan State.

About CSR

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